

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: By **SEN. FRANK SMITH**, on January 26, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Keith Bales (R)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen Chairman (D)
Sen. Gerald Pease (D)

Members Absent:

Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)

Staff Present: Carol Andersen, Committee Secretary
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only.

They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 328, 1/23/2007
Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON SB 328

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:57 **SEN. DONALD STEINBEISSER (R), SD 19**, opened the hearing on **SB 328**, Montana-produced foods to state institutions/optional procurement exception.

Proponents:

00:04:01 Crissie McMullan, Grow Montana

EXHIBIT(ags18a01)

00:08:31 Mark LoParco, Food Service at Montana Tech. and University of Montana

00:12:40 Kevin Moore, Grow Montana, and AmeriCorps Vista Volunteers

EXHIBIT(ags18a02)

00:16:16 Brian Kahn, Home Grown Radio

00:17:42 Pat Torgerson

00:18:45 Rick Moore, Northern Plains Research Council

00:20:11 Gary Amestoy, Lobbyist, Richland Economy Development Corporation

00:21:09 Steve Pilcher, Montana Stockgrowers Association

00:22:16 Katie Kassmier, Montana Farmers Union

00:23:44 Linda Gryczan, Lobbyist, Grow Montana

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:26:10 Marvin Eicholtz, Administrator, Department of Agriculture

EXHIBIT(ags18a03)

00:27:09 Ariel Bleth, University of Montana Farm to College Program

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:31:22 Sen. Bales to Mark LoParco

00:33:07 Sen. Bales to Sen. Steinbeisser

00:34:58 Sen. Smith

Closing by Sponsor

00:36:48 Sen. Steinbeisser

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:50 P.M.

SEN. KEN (KIM) HANSEN, Chairman

CAROL ANDERSEN, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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